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### **Biden Announces Community Shredding Events This Spring**

*Free community service offered to help consumers safely destroy sensitive documents, avoid identity theft*

**Wilmington** – Attorney General Beau Biden today announced that his Consumer Protection Unit is sponsoring community shredding events at locations statewide this spring to help consumers safely destroy sensitive documents and prevent identity theft. Each event will feature free on-site document shredding and staff from his office will be available to provide information and answer questions about consumer scams and frauds. Consumers may bring up to **three** file-sized boxes of documents; emptied boxes will be immediately returned.

“Consumers can help guard themselves against identity theft by taking some simple precautions, such as closely monitoring their bank and credit card accounts, limiting information they share online, and shredding documents that contain personal information,” said Biden. “I encourage all Delawareans to take advantage of our free shredding events and to contact us to learn more about avoiding identity theft and other scams.”

Identity theft can occur in a variety of ways, from email and texting scams to thieves rummaging through trash for bank statements, bills, and other documents that contain consumers’ information. Shredding these documents before discarding them is an effective method of fighting theft at its source.

Shredding events will take place at the following dates and locations:

#### **Saturday, May 12**

**9 am - 1 pm**

Lowe’s/BJ’s parking lot at Peninsula Crossing Shopping Center  
Route 113, Millsboro

#### **Saturday, June 9, 2012**

**9 am - 1 pm**

Boscov’s parking lot at the Dover Mall  
1365 N. DuPont Highway, Dover

#### **Saturday, June 23**

**9 am - 1 pm**

Frawley Stadium Parking Lot  
801 Shipyard Drive, Wilmington

To learn more about protecting yourself from identity theft, call the Attorney General's Consumer Hotline at 1-800-220-5424 or visit [www.attorneygeneral.delaware.gov/consumers](http://www.attorneygeneral.delaware.gov/consumers).

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